AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (Currently Amended) A system for real-time[,] communication between a plurality of separated users, comprising

(a) at least one communication device for use by each of the plurality of users and each having an associated display and at least one associated client program;

(b) at least one communication network to which at least first and second users can connect by logging in [at] using their respective communication devices;

(c) a plurality of service records for the first and second logged in user[s], each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the communication device where the first and second users are logged in;

(d) a plurality of service records for the second logged in user, each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the communication device where the second user logged in;

(e) a plurality of service servers, separate from each other and the communication devices, each replicating and having stored thereon at least one service record for the first user;

([e]f)   a plurality of service servers, separate from each other and the communication devices, each replicating and having stored thereon at least one service record for the second user

([f]g)   computer software for

(i) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user in a personalized list including a graphical icon representing at least one user on the display of at least the first user's communication device, and

(ii) generating a signal in response to a first user selecting the displayed second user's identifier; and

([g]h) collaboration initiation software that functions

(i) to cause the retrieving of necessary addressing information of the second user, and

(ii) to cause the establishing of a connection between the first and second users, and thereby

(iii) to enable real-time communication including at least real-time text messages to be displayed on the display of at least one user,

wherein the system is configured to indicate to the first user whether another user is not logged in.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

3.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one communication device is a wireless device.

4.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 3, further comprising at least one wide area network.

Claims 5-7 (canceled).

8.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [2] 1, wherein the system is configured to allow the first user to:

(a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and

(b) add that new user to an existing communication.

9.   (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the system is configured to:

(a) detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

(b) notify the first user of the attempt; and

(c) allow the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

10.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the system is configured to cause an indication of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on a user's display.

11.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 4, wherein the system is configured to

(a) allow the first user to send [an e-mail] a non-real time communication to the second user.

12.   (Currently Amended) A system for real-time[,] communication between a plurality of separated users, comprising

(a) at least one communication device for use by each of the plurality of users, at least one device being wireless and each device having an associated display and at least one associated client program;

(b) at least one communication network at least part of which is a wide area network to which at least first and second users can connect by logging in [at] using their respective communication devices;

(c) a plurality of service records for each of the first and second logged in user[s], each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the communication device where the first and second users are logged in no matter where they are located;

(d) a plurality of service records for the second logged in user, each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the communication device where the second user logged in;

(e)   a plurality of service servers, separate from each other and the communication devices, each replicating and having stored thereon at least one service record for the first user;

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([e]f) a plurality of service servers, separate from each other and the communication devices, each replicating and having stored thereon at least one service record for the second user;

([f]g) computer software for

(i) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user on the display of at least the first user's communication device, and

(ii) generating a signal in response to a user selecting the displayed second user's identifier; and

([g]h) collaboration initiation software that functions

(i) to cause the retrieving of necessary addressing information of the second user, and

(ii) to cause the establishing of a connection between the first and second users, and thereby

(iii) to enable real-time communication displayed on the display of the first and second users.

Claim 13 (canceled).

14.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the system is configured to allow communications including real-time text displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.

Claim 15 (cancelled).

16.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 14, wherein the user identifier is in a personalized list.

17.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the personalized list includes at least one graphical icon representing a user.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the system is configured to indicate to a user whether another user is not logged in.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the system is configured to allow the first user to:

(a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and

(b) add that new user to an existing communication.

20.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 19, wherein a user is selected by clicking on an icon.

21.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the system is configured to:

(a) detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

(b) notify the first user of the attempt; and

(c) allow the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

22.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the system is configured to cause an indication of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on a user's display.

23.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the system is configured to

(a) allow the first user to send a non-real time communication to the second user.

24.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the system is configured to allow communications including video images of at least one participant.

25.   (Currently amended) A system for real-time[,] communication between a plurality of separated users, comprising

(a) at least one communication device for use by each of the plurality of users and each having an associated display and at least one associated client program;

(b) at least a first and a second communication network each including at least one service server, separate from the communication devices, and to which at least first and second users can connect respectively by using their respective communication devices;

(c) a plurality of service records for ~~each of~~ the first ~~and second~~ connected user[s], each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the communication device ~~where~~ that the first ~~and second~~ users ~~are~~ used to ~~are~~ ~~connected no matter where they are located and~~ to the first network, each service record being replicated on at least one service server in each of the first and second networks;

(d) a plurality of service records for the second connected user, each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the communication device that the second user used to connect to the second network, each service record being replicated on at least one service server in each of the first and second networks;

(c) a plurality of service records for each of the first and second connected users, each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the respective communication devices ~~where~~ that the first and second users used to ~~are~~ ~~connected no matter where they are located~~ and each being replicated on at least one server in each of the first and second networks;

(d) computer software for

> (i) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user on the display of at least the first user's communication device, and

> (ii) generating a signal in response to a first user selecting the displayed second user's identifier; and

(e) collaboration initiation software that functions

> (i) to cause, in response to the signal, the retrieving of necessary addressing information of the second user, and

(ii) to cause the establishing of a connection between the first and second users through at least their respective communication networks, and thereby

(iii) to notify the second user of the communication from the first user and the first user's identity to enable communication displayed on the display of the first and second users.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the system is configured to allow communications including real-time text displayed on the displays associated with the first and second users.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the user identifier is displayed in a list that includes graphical representations of users and is scrollable.

28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the system is configured to indicate to a user whether another user is not connected to a network.

29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the system is configured to allow communications including video images of at least two participants.

30. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein at least one communication device is a wireless device.

31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising at least one wide area network.

32. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the system is configured to allow the first user to:

(a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and

(b) add that new user to an existing communication.

33. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the system is configured to:

(a) detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

(b) notify the first user of the attempt; and

(c) allow the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

34.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the system is configured to cause an indication of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on a user's display.

35.   (Currently Amended) A system for real-time[,] communication between a plurality of separated users, comprising

(a) at least one communication device for use by each of the plurality of users, at least one device being a wireless device and each device having an associated display and at least one associated client program;

(b) at least one communication network to which at least first and second users can connect by logging in [at] using their respective communication devices;

(c) a plurality of service records for each of the first and second logged in user[s], each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the communication device where the first and second users are logged in;

(d) a plurality of service records for the second logged in user, each service record including user identification information and an associated location of at least one client program associated with the communication device where the second user logged in

(e) a plurality of service servers, separate from each other and the communication devices, each replicating and having stored thereon at least one service record for the first user;

([e]f) a plurality of service servers, separate from each other and the communication devices, each replicating and having stored thereon at least one service record for the second user;

([f]g) computer software for

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(i) causing display of a user identifier for at least the second user in a personalized list including at least one graphical icon representing a user on the display of at least the first user's communication device, and

(ii) generating a signal in response to a first user selecting the displayed second user's identifier; and

([g]h) collaboration initiation software that functions

(i) to cause the retrieving of necessary addressing information of the second user, and

(ii) to cause the establishing of a connection between the first and second users, and thereby

(iii) to enable real-time communication including real-time text displayed on the display of the first and second users

wherein the system is configured to indicate to a user whether another user is not logged in.

Claims 36-38 (Cancelled)

39.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the system is configured to allow the first user to:

(a) select a new user from among a plurality of potential users; and

(b) add that new user to an existing communication.

40.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the system is configured to:

(a) detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the first user;

(b) notify the first user of the attempt; and

(c) allow the first user to establish a communication with the third user.

41.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, wherein the system is configured to cause an indication of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on a user's display.

42.	(Previously presented) The system of claim 41, wherein the system is configured to allow communications including video images of at least one participant.

43.	(Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the indication to the first user of whether another user is not logged in occurs if no service record is found for the other user.

44.	(Previously presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the indication to the first user of whether another user is not logged in occurs if no service record is found for the other user.

45.	(Previously presented) The system of claim 28, wherein the indication to the first user of whether another user is not logged in occurs if no service record is found for the other user.

46.	(Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the indication to the first user whether another user is not logged in occurs if no service record is found for the other user.

47.	(Currently Amended) The system of claim [2] 1, wherein the location includes address information.

48.	(Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the location includes address information.

49.	(Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the location includes address information.

50.	(Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the location includes address information.

51.	(Currently Amended) The system of claim [2] 1, further comprising at least first and second communications networks, each including at least one service server, each service server having at least the service records of the first and second user replicated thereon.

52.	(Currently Amended) The system of claim [2] 1, wherein the system is configured to enable

(a)	real time communication including video to be displayed on the display of at least one user; and

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(b)   a user capable of receiving and displaying video communications to block incoming video communications while still displaying text communications.

53.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim [2] 1, wherein the system is configured to allow a user to indicate a want to receive requests for communication.

54.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, further comprising at least first and second communications networks, each including at least one service server, each service server having at least the service records of the first and second user replicated thereon.

55.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 12, wherein the system is configured to enable

(a)   real time communications including both video and typed characters to be displayed on the display of at least one user; and

(b)   a user capable of receiving and displaying video communications to block incoming video communications while still displaying typed character communications.

56.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 26, wherein the system is configured to enable

(a)   real time communications including both video and typed characters to be displayed on the display of at least one user; and

(b)   a user capable of receiving and displaying video communications to block incoming video communications while still displaying typed character communications.

57.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 41 , wherein the system is configured to enable

(a)   real time communications including both video and typed characters to be displayed on the display of at least one user; and

(b)   a user capable of receiving and displaying video communications to block incoming video communications while still displaying typed character communications.

58.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the system is configured

to allow a user to indicate a want to receive requests for communication.